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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

AND SUPERVISORS

OF THE

Town of Southbridge, Mass.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31st, 1922




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ORGANIZATION OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
1922-1923

J. ARTHUR GENEREUX, Chairman
ARTHUR H. GRAVEL, Vice Secretary
HECTOR PELOQUIN
JOSEPH LAUGHNANE
JOSEPH FLOOD
PIERRE LAFORTUNE

Office Committee
TOWN HALL BUILDING
Regular monthly meetings: First Tuesday Evening and
Third Monday Evening

**Superintendent of Schools: F. E. CORBIN
Office: Town Hall Building**

Office Telephones: 365-W; House Number 365-R
Office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M.
Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7 to 7.30 P. M.
Clerk: Rita Richard. Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 8-12 M., 1-5 P. M.; Saturdays 8-12 M.

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE: Margaret G. Butler
Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, 4 to 5 P. M.
Monday and Wednesday evenings 7 to 7.30 P. M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS:

Charles Simpson	Harold Brigham
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TERM DIVISION OF SCHOOL YEAR 1923

Winter Term, January 3 to February 23. Eight Weeks.
Spring Term, March 5 to April 27. Eight Weeks.
Summer Term, May 7 to June 29. Eight Weeks.
Fall Term, September 5 to December 23. Sixteen Weeks.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:—

The School Committee herewith submit the following report of the finances of the School Department of the town for the year closing December 31, 1922, together with their recommendations of appropriations for the coming year. As to all matters connected with the policy and management of the schools, the Committee refer to the report of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. F. E. Corbin, which is hereby submitted as a part of our report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$117,300.00
Smith-Hughes fund, U. S. Govt.	892.79
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Expenditures

General Control	\$4,831.53
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High School

Teachers	\$11,590.00
Janitor	1,200.00
Books	646.41
Supplies	944.09
Fuel	1,622.49
Gas and electricity	415.67
Water	137.39
New equipment	1,373.82
Repairs	517.55
Miscellaneous	688.37
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Elementary

Teachers	\$50,483.63
Janitors	3,944.05
Books	1,624.18
Supplies	2,483.65
Fuel	4,351.24
Gas and electricity	126.01
Water	426.32
Repairs	1,972.94
Transportation	3,050.00
Health	718.41
Miscellaneous	1,257.36

New equipment	270.40	
		\$70,708.19
Factory classes		\$1,508.61
Evening Schools		1,737.65
Continuation School		7,887.96
Vocational School		12,376.85
		\$118,186.58

Balance January 1, 1923		\$6.21
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Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer

Massachusetts School fund	\$8,626.00
Vocational School State grant	3,974.33
Smth-Hughes U. S. Govt. fund	892.79
Factory Classes A. O. Co.	503.00
Factory Classes H. W. Co.	196.50
Factory Classes, State grant	858.19
Hamilton Woolen Co. Voc. School	600.00
High School tuition	840.00
Elementary School tuition	498.20
Vocational School tuition	1,599.00
Car tickets sold	88.20
Supplies sold	20.62
Continuation School State	5,036.35
Evening School Vocational State	312.04
	\$24,045.22
Net cost to the town	\$94,141.36

For the year 1921 the net cost of the Schools was \$97,304.75. For the year 1922 the net cost is \$94,141.36. This reduction comes from the amount received from the State for the Continuation School.

The cost of the Schools for 1923, however, will be considerably larger owing to the opening of the new addition to the high school building.

This addition was to be ready for occupancy on February first, but owing to delays in the work, it will not be ready for some time.

The use of this building will increase the number of teachers required, and increase the cost of the janitor service and fuel bills.

We estimate the increased cost at \$10,000.

We have purchased for the use of the Schools a

"moving picture machine" and installed it in the auditorium at a cost of \$545.03.

We expect that the use of this instrument will be of much benefit to all the schools, and to the lower grades especially, in matters relating to hygiene.

The new addition contains 16 room units.

We plan to use these units as follows:

The Vocational School will occupy 5 units.

The Continuation School will occupy 2 units.

The VII and VIII Grades, now seated in the High School will occupy 1 unit, and the remaining will be occupied by transfers from Marcy Street, 8 units.

These transfers will probably empty five rooms from Marcy Street.

The rooms thus emptied will be filled by three rooms from Main Street and one room, III-IV Grade from the High School basement.

The first grade from Main Street, 48 pupils, will be transferred to the Town Hall. The overflow from the Mechanic Street, first grade, 55 pupils, will also be transferred to the Town Hall. These transfers will fill the only rooms available.

There are at present two IX Grades in the High School, and we trust that one at least may be transferred to the new addition.

It was originally planned to have a room to take care of the backward pupils but it now seems as if there would be no opportunity for this improvement.

Beginning in September 1923, there will probably be no vacant school room in the town.

The following has been the enrollment in the day schools for the past four years as of October 1: 1919, 1358; 1920, 1369; 1921, 1471; 1922, 1582. The greatest gain is for the year 1922, 111 pupils.

The River Street School district shows the greatest gain in the last few years.

In 1920 there was one teacher and 44 pupils, now there are three teachers and 112 pupils.

Next September, if the usual number enters the first grade, there will probably be 150 pupils in this building.

This building was originally constructed as a two room building in 1861 and the second story was added in 1871. The Board of Health condemned the building in 1914.

The building is obsolete in all respects. It is for this reason that the Committee recommend that a new four-room building be constructed in this district and that they have had an article inserted in the "Warrant" to have a Building Committee appointed to take charge of the work.

J. A. GENEREUX, Chairman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Southbridge:—

I have the pleasure to present to you my twenty-first annual report, it being also the thirty-eighth of the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the public schools of this town. Throughout this report the year relative to attendance extends from September 1921, to July 1922; the year relative to expenditures, from January first, 1922, to January first 1923.

STATISTICS—I. Population and Valuation

Population of town, census of 1920	14,245
Assessed valuation of town	\$11,474,930.00
Number of polls, male	4,407
Rate of taxation	\$30.40
Valuation of School Houses and Lots	\$400,000.00
Valuation of other School Property	\$12,000.00

II. School Houses

School Houses, occupied	12
School Houses, unoccupied	1
School Rooms, occupied	47
School Rooms, unoccupied	2
Number of Sittings	1520

III. Teachers

Number of Male Teachers	7
Number of Female Teachers	45

Number of Special Teachers, females	3
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	55
Number of Teachers in Evening Schools: male 5, females 19	24

IV. Pupils

Number of children in town September 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

	1921	1922
Between the ages of 5 and 16	3551	3134
Between the ages of 7 and 14	2246	2073
Between the ages of 5 and 7	656	542
Between the ages of 14 and 16	649	519
Total enrollment, September to June	1504	1535
Average membership	1317	1411
Average daily attendance	1243	1329
Number between 5 and 7	240	160
Number between 7 and 14	966	1001
Number between 14 and 16	204	261
Number over 16 years of age	94	113
Number enrolled at Notre Dame	705	717
Number between 5 and 7	69	94
Number between 7 and 14	612	586
Number between 14 and 16	24	37
Number over 16	0	0
Average membership	679	677
Average attendance	626	630
Number of teachers	14	14
Number enrolled at Sacred Heart	470	489
Number between 5 and 7	66	82
Number between 7 and 14	382	304
Number between 14 and 16	22	51
Number over 16 years of age	0	0
Average membership	455	458
Average attendance	437	442
Number of teachers	9	9
Number enrolled at St. Mary's	189	194
Number between 5 and 7	20	17
Number between 7 and 14	129	134
Number between 14 and 16	27	30
Average membership	182	193
Average attendance	169	176
Number of teachers	8	8

Cost Per Pupil

Total expenses for the grades	\$70,708.19
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	44.25
Cost per grade pupil based on average membership	46.06
Total expenses for high school	16,856.93
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	108.06
Cost per pupil on average membership	116.95

Physical Tests

Children examined	1568
Eyes defective	129
Ears defective	29
Parents notified	136

**CHANGE OF TEACHERS
Resigned**

		School
January	Herman Persson	Vocational
February	Catherine O'Keefe	High
February	Ruth Cummings	Domestic Science
June	Ray A. Clement	High
June	Julia Campbell	High
June	Grace Marshall	High
June	Julia Yott	Grade VIII
June	Edith Parker	Grade VII
June	Anna Eager	Drawing

Leave of Absence

September	Maud Forsythe	Grade V
September	Anna Coderre	Assistant

Appointed

January	Robert Kingston	Vocational
September	John T. Gibbons	High
September	Ethel Putnam	High
September	Kathryn Finnegan	High
September	Mary D. Sullivan	High
September	Dorothy Smith	High
September	Laura Desmarais	Grade VIII
September	May Cole	Grade VII
September	Bertha Wallace	Grade V
September	Amy Gibbs	Drawing
September	Blanche Merchant	Lebanon Hill
September	Anna Steen	Grade IX
September	Elizabeth MacManamy	Grade III
November	Frank T. Winston	Continuation

 CORPS OF TEACHERS JANUARY 1, 1923

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
F. E. Corbin	1886	Supt.	Williams col.
HIGH			
*John T. Gibbons	1921	Science	Harvard
Eloise Crocker	1912	Mathematics	Boston univ.
Kathryn Finnegan	1922	French, Spanish	Middlebury
Ethel Putnam	1922	Latin	Middlebury
Mary D. Sullivan	1922	English	Boston univ.
Dorothy Smith	1918	Commercial	Post Bus. col.
Apolline Aucoin	1920	Commercial	Post Bus. col.
Mabel Jones	1921	Commercial	Simmons
Elizabeth Hall	1916	IX Grade	Colby
Anna Steen	1922	IX Grade	Boston univ.
Laura Desmarais	1922	VII-VIII G'd's	St. Anne's acad.
Mary Chase	1906	III	Home school
VOCATIONAL			
*James Forbes	1919	Drawing	London, Eng. Tech
Guy Branch	1920	Textiles	Lowell Textiles
Nils Engstrom	1920	Electricity	Amherst A. C.
Robert Kingston	1922	Shop Instruction	
CONTINUATION			
*Frederick Vantura	1920		Hyannis Normal
Frank. T Winston	1922		Tufts
Mary Meagher	1837		Southbridge H. S.
Jean Russell	1920		Willimantic Normal
MARCY STREET			
*Anthony Jason	1921	VIII	Fitchburg Normal
Alice Holmes	1878	VII	Palmer H. S.
May Cole	1922	VII	Worcester Normal
Blanche Harwood	1903	VI	Southbridge H. S.
Mabel Joy	1915	VI	Westfield Normal
Annie Marey	1900	V	Worcester Normal
Bertha Wallace	1922	V	Hyannis Normal
Mary Silk		IV	Worcester Normal
Louise Corbin	1913	Asst.	Wheaton
Elizabeth MacManamy	1922	Asst.	Worcester Normal
Almeda Walker	1921	Asst.	Southbridge H. S.
May Simpson	1911	Asst.	Worcester Normal
MAIN STREET			
Irene Gough	1914	III	School of Dom. Science
*Mary Boardman	1891	I	Southbridge H. S.
Bertha Foley	1912	II	Worcester Normal

Mary Butler	1902	I	Southbridge H. S.
MECHANIC STREET			
*Jennie Munroe	1905	IV	Bridgewater Normal
Julia Morrill	1914	III	St. Joseph's Nor.
Jane Farquhar	1837	II	Quincy Training
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	I	Southbridge H. S.
Alice Wixted	1921	Asst.	Southbridge H. S.
SCHOOL STREET			
Agnes Meagher	1886	IV	Southbridge H. S.
Bertha Harwood	1901	III	Southbridge H. S.
Mary Prendergast	1918	II	Southbridge H. S.
Nettie Stone	1898	I	Southbridge H. S.
Marion Freeman	1922	Asst.	Southbridge H. S.
FIRE STATION			
*Mabel LeClair	1832	V	Southbridge H. S.
Catherine Kelly	1921	VI	Worcester Normal
RIVER STREET			
*Mary Ellis	1832	I	Southbridge H. S.
Edith Randall	1920	II	Southbridge H. S.
Julia Moriarty	1921	III	St. Joseph's Normal
ELM STREET			
Mary McCabe	1890	I	Quincy Training
SANDERSDALE			
Etta Grant	1921	I-II	Normal
DENNISON			
Stella Gay	1907	I-VI	Southbridge H. S.
LEBANON HILL			
Blanche Merchant	1922	I-VIII	Framingham Nor.
*Principal			
Amy Gibbs	1922	Drawing	Normal Art school
Elizabeth Earls	1919	Music	Lowell Normal
Charlotte Burns	1922	Dom. Science	
Margaret Butler	1893	Asst.	Southbridge H. S.
Helen Rowley		Substitute	Wellesly

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTER

School Year Ending
July 1, 1922

	Boys	Girls	Total	Total Mem.	Avg. Daily Att.	Av. Mem.	P. C. Att.
High School	57	99	156	156	137.42	144.17	95.31
High School IX	31	31	62	62	53.02	57.77	91.57
High School VII, VIII	17	24	41	41	35.70	37.93	94.12
High School III	15	20	35	35	28.25	29.72	95.23
Marcy Street VIII	23	27	50	54	45.63	47.44	96.14
Marcy Street VIIIE	26	27	53	53	40.79	44.22	92.203
Marcy Street VIIW	25	28	53	53	41.17	43.94	93.2
Marcy Street VIIE	35	25	60	60	55.04	56.30	94.19
Marcy Street VIW	33	26	59	62	52.37	55.36	94.58
Marcy Street VE	24	30	54	56	44.04	47.07	93.57
Marcy Street VW	25	24	49	55	45.24	47.81	94.60
Marcy Street IV	34	23	57	57	47.22	50.62	93.28
Engine House VI	19	22	41	41	34.7	37.37	92.85
Engine House V	16	24	40	42	35.81	37.66	95.07
Mechanic Street IV	28	21	49	54	46.94	50.40	93.06
School Street IV	32	20	52	54	45.48	48.46	93.85
Main Street III	24	14	38	42	35.84	38.40	93.84
Mechanic Street III	25	21	46	48	42.75	44.44	96.19
School Street III	21	19	40	42	33.56	35.84	93.69
River Street III	15	10	25	27	23.64	24.40	96.87
Main Street HE	19	17	36	36	30.805	33.746	94.435
Main Street IIW	18	14	32	33	27.76	30.27	92.
Mechanic Street II	25	22	47	51	39.62	41.20	96.16
School Street II	20	22	42	43	34.82	36.55	95.25

River Street II	17	14	31	34	29.24	30.44	96.05
Main Street I	29	25	54	51	44.27	47.49	93.535
Mechanic Street I	32	29	61	64	62.04	54.61	94.69
School Street I	18	20	38	40	33.05	35.62	92.71
River Street I	29	22	51	55	43.74	45.49	96.16
Elm Street I	18	26	44	45	32.51	36.11	89.63
Sandersdale I-II	17	14	31	32	26.72	29.71	89.71
Dennison I-IV	5	3	8	13	9.71	10.19	95.32
	772	763	1535	1598	1328.89	1410.75	94.05
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EVENING SCHOOLS							
High	43	130	173	173	117.	141.45	82.8
Mechanic Street	97	16	113	113	68.61	84.71	94.78
River Street	15	14	29	29	19.19	20.55	93.3
	155	160	315	315	204.8	246.71	90.29
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Continuation School	112	113	225	225	135.62	140.19	96.7
Vocational School	82		82	82	48.13	49.09	97.6

SCHOOL SAVINGS

In the last report we stated that "This has been the most successful year in School Savings since the system was inaugurated in 1912."

The same statement will apply to the year just closed the savings having amounted to \$4,325.21, an increase of 28%.

The report of the American Bankers association shows that Southbridge stands third in this State as to average deposits per pupil and eleventh as to number of pupils participating.

In this state, with 355 cities and towns, only 33 are doing this important work of teaching thrift and the saving of small sums to their pupils.

The work has been so successful here, owing to the co-operation of Mr. Chapman, treasurer of the Savings bank, who has installed a system for collection and book-keeping which calls for a minimum of effort on the part of the teacher.

There were 8859 separate deposits made this last year, however, and this of necessity makes considerable extra work both at the school and the bank.

The following is the amount of the deposits for the year ending October 31, 1922:

Marcy Street School	\$1,431.43
Main Street School	596.03
Mechanic Street School	691.60
School Street School	\$1,066.62
Engine House	441.47
River Street School	98.06
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	\$4,325.21
Number enrolled	564
Number of deposits	8859
Transferred to pass books	\$3,674.30
Previously deposited	\$12,989.05
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Total deposits	\$16,663.35

THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

The year of 1922 has been one of great achievement in the school history of the town.

- I. The beginning of a sixteen-room addition to the high school and the purchase of adjoining land to complete the school lot, marks the greatest outlay ever made by the town for school purposes in any one year. The completion of this building will relieve temporarily the congestion in the upper grades that has seriously handicapped the efficiency of the schools for the past few years.
- II. The completion of the Auditorium at the Mary E. Wells high school.
- III. The installation of a moving picture machine in the Auditorium.

ADDITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

The following article was placed in the Town Warrant for the meeting held on March 2, 1922, by the School Building Committee:

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Special School Building committee appointed under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting held March 7, 1921, to construct the addition to the present High School Building, to accommodate Vocational School, Continuation School and other classes, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

This was voted unanimously and it is worthy of notice that all votes in connection with building matters and the raising of appropriations for the schools have all been carried without a dissenting vote.

Mr. A. B. Wells, chairman of the Building committee, in explaining the needs of the schools to the voters gave the record of the events leading up to the present article and so clear a view of the present conditions that it seems best to make a permanent record of his remarks.

REMARKS OF A. B. WELLS

Chairman of the Special Building Committee,
at Town Meeting, March 13, 1922.

New School Building

The public lower schools serve approximately one

half the families of the town. 1200 pupils under 14 years of age now attend them. The town has long neglected its younger children.

It has a total of 8 public lower school buildings. Three of these are over 70 years old; 2-3 of them are over 45 years old. The youngest of all will be 21 next year. Two of them have been condemned by the Board of Health for 7 years.

It is a startling thing that more and more boys and girls of our town are taking advantage of the opportunities for advanced education which are furnished by the public schools almost alone, that is, high and vocational school education. The present attendance in the public upper schools is 501, an increase of 300 % in 7 years. Also St. Mary's School accommodates 27 children over 14 years of age.

What Has Been Done by Recent Town Meetings

March 7, 1921. A special committee was appointed to secure plans and working drawings of a new school building. A committee was named, comprising the Superintendent of Schools, 3 members of the school committee, the Town Clerk and Mr. Armstrong and myself. It had the use of a small balance of an appropriation granted a previous committee.

June 12, 1921. This committee was granted further time.

July 11, 1921. The committee made its report, recommending as the best solution a 16-room school to be built as an addition to the present high school. The town meeting voted "To accept and adopt the plans for an addition to the present high school as presented by the Special Building Committee, for vocational, continuation and other classes; and that the construction of said building be referred to said committee to report at a future own meeting."

January 1922. Superintendent of Schools summoned the special committee in joint meeting with the school committee and convinced the building committee of the extraordinary need for immediate action, giving figures as to overcrowding, primary and other grades and as to expected attendance next fall, and showing that parents

would undoubtedly regret the double shift system which will be unavoidable next fall. The building committee decided the parents would not permit further delaying the expense and at once proceeded to get bids.

1200 pupils under 14 years of age are attending the public schools. This is an increase of 18 % in 7 years, with only 4 % increase in seat capacity; 679 attend the Notre Dame school, 455 the Sacred Heart school and 182 attend the St. Mary's school.

The parochial schools are also understood to be handicapped for expanding to take care of the growing number of pupils in the lower grades. Therefore the town must do this.

Here is a list of the public lower school buildings:

Schools	Date Built
Main Street	1849 and 1888, 73 years old
Mechanic Street	1902, 20 years old
School Street	1847 and moved 1871; raised 1910, 75 years old
Elm Street	1877, 45 years old
River Street	1861, another story in 1871 63 years old Board of Health condemned 1914
Sandersdale	1891, 32 years old
Marcy Street	1898, 24 years old
Dennison	1848, 74 years old
Morse	1865, closed
Lebanon Hill	? , closed
Globe Fire Station	1920, 2 years old

The reason for this prolonged neglect was the fact the local churches stepped into the breech and built parochial schools. The town should appreciate that one half of its lower school pupils are being educated without expense to the town.

Today the town is practically under compulsion to act. It has already approved the plans, but the purpose behind the idea may again be explained.

The school committee policy has wisely been to centralize the higher schools for the older pupils, but to scatter the lower schools for little folks out in the home districts so they will not have to travel so far. In fact, even, the cost of transporting these younger children is 7 % of the cost of running the grade schools. But these

schools have been neglected so long that no one new building for lower schools will relieve the congestion quickly enough.

The building program adopted by town meeting and shown in these exhibits, favors the families having 1200 children in the public lower schools, by adding 16 rooms to the school system and releasing the Town Hall and part of Marcy Street building for the lower schools. It is however, too late to avoid the double shift system next fall. Also the plan centralizes the higher schools in one building, around the auditorium and joint expenses should be correspondingly low. It allows the Main Street school, which is not in a desirable location for a primary school, to be abandoned without loss to the town. In fact, it would be a gain to the town to convert that into a police station.

As to the cost, bids were secured a year ago and not acted upon because it was believed prices would fall. They have fallen. It is doubtful if they will fall any lower. Meanwhile, interest rates are on the upward trend. If we wait more than 60 days, we will increase our costs.

A local bidder, F. X. Laliberte & Son, have given the best quotation. We believe some changes are going to favor a further saving. The asking price for the land wanted is so high that we are recommending taking only a little, the least we can get along with. If a satisfactory deal is offered, full purchase may be desirable later. The \$150,000 asked for will turn the school building over to the School committee complete and ready to use. The money will be spent as follows:

Building	\$107,000.00
Heating	13,500.00
Electrical	5,500.00
Architect	7,800.00
Land damage, grading, walks, retaining wall, drains, curbing, etc. sewer connections	10,000.00
Furnishing	3,000.00
Inspection	2,000.00
Contingencies	1,200.00
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	\$150,000.00

It is proposed to spread this cost over 20 years. The law permits 30 years but a 20 year plan will save \$31,000 in interest. The average tax rate upon the total town valuation of today is about 85c.

But this is no longer a question of cost, but a question of boys and girls. The time has come to regard our schools not as an expense, but as a paying investment.

NEW AUDITORIUM

On June 6, the new auditorium, the gift of Mrs. Mary E. Wells to the Town of Southbridge, was dedicated. The auditorium completes the "Mary E. Wells High School" as originally designed by the architects.

It was given not only to increase the facilities of the High School, but to further the general educational interests of the town.

Chairman, J. Arthur Genereux, of the School Committee presided at the exercises and Ex-Chairman, George L. Tully told the circumstances of the naming of the High School building for Mrs. Wells.

Superintendent Corbin pointed out the advantages that would accrue to both the pupils and the public at large from the use of this beautiful gift.

Mr. A. B. Wells, also an Ex-Chairman of the School Committee, in behalf of his mother, presented the keys of the auditorium to Mr. Wilfred Lamoureux, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who made a brief speech of acceptance in behalf of the Town.

As a historical reminder of this gift a bronze plaque has been placed upon the wall with the following inscription:

This Auditorium
was the gift of
MARY E. WELLS
Southbridge
1922

Student and graduate of the School
1860-1864

Member of the School Committee
1891 to 1893

The general use of the auditorium by the schools
will I believe be of the greatest benefit educationally.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

Mr. F. E. Corbin,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my first annual report of the work of the Mary E. Wells High School

Enrollment

The fall term opened September 5, 1922 with an enrollment of 208 pupils, an increase of approximately 36 per cent over last year. The Freshman Class, which numbers 95, is the largest ever to enter the High School.

Although this is in keeping with the conditions in every high school in the State, it is, nevertheless, considerably over the average, which is about 15 per cent. Such increases are, indeed, gratifying and it is to be hoped that it is due to the interest of parents to help their children to maintain their station in life, and it is further hoped that this interest shall not abate. However, with such great gains in attendance there came problems of proper housing, and consequently it was required to make two rooms, the Bookkeeping Room and the French Room, formerly used only for recitations, into home rooms. Likewise, seats had to be put into other home rooms and these conditions were barely sufficient to take care of the pupils. Of course, such conditions are a handicap, but in view of the completion of the new addition to the High School, we hope they will be overcome. However, if the growth continues next year as it did this, and it seems likely that it will, the question of over-flow will come up again.

Faculty

Since the last yearly report, there have been several changes in the High School Faculty. Miss Kathryn Finnegan succeeded Miss Julia Campbell in the Romance Languages; Miss Dorothy Smith succeeded Miss Grace Marshall in the Commercial Department; Miss Mary D. Sullivan succeeded Miss Doris I. Cummings in English; Miss Amy Gibbs succeeded Miss Anna Eager in Drawing; and Miss Charlotte Burns succeeded Miss Ruth Cummings in Domestic Science.

We have maintained monthly meetings of the Faculty taking up problems which immediately concern the High School. There have also been assignments of readings for professional improvement; these assignments to be discussed at its meetings.

Courses

The courses of study function as usual. The College Preparatory Course enables any graduate to enter any college or technical school. The Commercial Course gives a good grounding in the fundamentals of business; and the General Course, which is offered to the students whose education ends with High School, prepares for the Normal School and those entering special vocations such as Nursing, the preparation for Schools of Domestic Science, etc.

We continue to enjoy the privileges of membership on the list of the college entrance board. This enables us to certify graduates who attain a rank of eighty per cent or over, to those colleges without any examination.

Changes made in the curriculum have been as follows:

1. Increase of the number of bookkeeping periods from 10 to 12 periods.
2. A full period devoted to spelling.
3. An increase in Ancient History from 3 to 4 periods.
4. An increase in American History from 5 to 6 periods.

In the Commercial Department we have changed from Pitmanic to Gregg Shorthand because the Gregg seems to be more within the grasp of pupils of High School age—more readily learned and is based on long hand.

Before graduating last June, all Seniors without exception, received a medal for having a typewriting speed of 50 to 60 net words a minute. Three of the present Seniors have received awards and to date, we have twelve in the Junior Class who have received awards for good work in typewriting.

School Athletics

It is generally conceded today by Educators that the

health of children should be safeguarded if we are to have the kind of citizens that will be of more service to the community and to the State. Athletics are playing a most important part in the up-building of the healthy bodies of our pupils. In accordance with this idea, there has been a desire to maintain as much athletic activity as possible in the High School but the accomplishment of more was rendered impossible because of inadequate facilities and it has been due to the kindness of the Y. M. C. A., the local American Legion Post, and the Aetna Baseball Club that athletic activity of any kind has been possible. It is hoped that we will be able to accomplish more along this line for the coming year. Incidentally, it seems that there should be a playground for pupils in the High School Building. As it is now, they are required to resort to the streets where there is danger of passing vehicles. Playing in the streets is the more undesirable also because of trespassing on private property.

Attendance

The School has a very creditable record of attendance but yet there are many absences which could be avoided if parents would give us their co-operation. Of tardinesses there are likewise a great many avoidable cases which, with more strictness on the part of parents, could readily be done away with.

Auditorium

The Auditorium, which was given to the High School during the spring term of last year, has met a great need in permitting the whole School to take part in devotional exercises and of meetings which are of interest to the entire student body. Likewise, it serves admirably for the social functions which are conducted under the auspices of the High School. The equipment of the Auditorium has been greatly enhanced by the addition of a new moving picture machine and a new silver screen, the value of which will prove a boon in lectures and in class demonstration.

Graduation

• The Graduation Exercises took place Thursday, June 29, in the Town Hall. The following is the program of the Class of 1922:

CLASS OF 1922
 MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL
 THURSDAY EVENING
 JUNE 29
 "FINIS OPUS CORONAT"

PROGRAMME

OVERTURE	High School Orchestra
PRAYER	Rev. Leigh R. Urban
CHORUS. "Like as a Father"	Cherubini School
SALUTATORY	Mary Thecla Fitzgerald
ADDRESS. "Education and the Republic"	Hon. John H. O'Brien
CHORUS. "Orpheus With His Lute"	Barrat Glee Club
VALEDICTORY	Ruth Harriett McMaster
CHORUS. "When The Foeman Bares His Steel"	Sullivan School
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	By Chairman of the School Committee
BENEDICTION	CLASS OF 1922
	College Preparatory Course
	Mary Thecla Fitzgerald
	General Course
Constance Louise Grant	Beatrice Genevieve Page
Allard Anthony Paul	Dorothy Pratt
Lillian Antonia Loungeway	
Florence Irene Wixted	
	Commercial Course
Mildred Sadie Apte	Margaret Ruth Connolly
Pauline Eaton Currin	Louise Edna Durgin
Alice Agnes Dupaul	Ruth Harriett McMaster
Evelyn Ada Poeton	Rita Delena Richard
Beatrice Agnes Surprenant	

Industrial Course

William Clifton Curtis

Alphonse Dugas

Francis Joseph Morin

The Graduates

Of the graduates last year but two have entered higher institutions of learning, one to Radcliffe and the other to Boston University School of Secretarial Science. Three of the graduates have returned to the High School for Post Graduate work, while the remainder of the class have found lucrative positions in the various industrial organizations of the Town.

To the teachers and the pupils I wish to express my hearty thanks for their loyalty and co-operation. A fine school spirit is essential to the success of any school. To the School Committee and the Superintendent I give my thanks for their interest in the High School and for their generosity in providing the best possible equipment for the School.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN T. GIBBONS.

SOUTHBRIDGE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
Town Hall Telephone 555-W Southbridge, Mass.

SESSIONS

School—8.30 to 11.30 A. M. and 1.00 to 3.00 P. M.

Eight-hour day during shop week and one-half day on Saturday.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer vacation two weeks.

Classes at school close on legal holidays.

Classes at factories follow the practice of the American Optical Company and the Hamilton Woolen Company

ORGANIZATION—School Committee

J. Arthur Genereux	Joseph Laughnane
Arthur H. Gravel	Joseph Flood
Hector L. Peloquin	Pierre Lafourture

Advisory Board

E. Benj. Armstrong, Agent and John Rowley, Jr., Employee, Hamilton Woolen Company.	
R. Parkinson, Employment Manager and Adolph Prahm, Employee, American Optical Company.	

Secretary and Executive Officer
Fred E. Corbin, Superintendent of Schools

Faculty

Director	James Forbes
	40 Everett Street, Tel. 623-W
Machinist Instructor	Robert S. Kingston
	21 Coombs Street, Tel. 103-W
Textile Instructor	Guy E. Branch
	27 Sayles Street, Tel. 464-J
*Academic Instructor	Nils Engstrom, Coombs St.
Secretary	Miss Margaret R. Connolly
	*Also Instructor of Electrical Work

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
Southbridge Vocational School
For the year ending Dec. 31, 1922.**

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I have the following information to submit in connection with the Vocational School:

Eighty-two boys were enrolled during the year	
In school at the end of the year	45
Graduated	16
Withdrawals entering industry trained for	4
Withdrew to other occupations	13
Dropped from school as being unfit	0
Re-entered day schools	3
Moved from Town	1
 Total Membership	 82

The year has been one of adjustment between co-operative agencies and the school to meet the changing conditions in industry which have gradually been taking place.

Now that the school has become firmly established in the town, and as the principles of which it stands become better known, I feel that more of our boys will avail themselves of its opportunities.

There is still a great deal of work to be done in familiarizing the different sources through which we get boys, with the requirements necessary for entrance, in order that we may secure the type of boy likely to derive the most benefit from trade training.

Wage System and Method of Grading

At the beginning of the year, an agreement was reached with the American Optical Company and the Hamilton Woolen Company regarding the wages paid the boys and the method by which they were to be advanced from one grade to the next. It was decided that the boys should be promoted strictly on merit and the following scheme was arrived at between the two Companies and the school.

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1. That the boys will be advanced by the use of the merit system and not by the calendar year.
 2. That the school will recommend when the students are to pass from one grade to the next by furnishing the Companies a complete copy of the boy's record, which is to be left with them and filed in their Employment Department.
 3. That the boys, after they finish the third grade work, are to work a six month's full time probationary period in the factories, before graduation. If at any time during this period, they should prove unsatisfactory upon a line of work in which they have had previous training in the school, they may be returned by recommendation of the Companies for further training. This places the responsibility of the boy's training and graduation upon the school.

Advantages of the Hourly Rate Over the Piece Rate

There are a great many advantages in placing the boys upon an hourly rate rather than upon a piece rate, but while the latter may be practical, it is not by any means desirable. The reasons for this statement are as follows:

1. The boy knows exactly how much he is going to earn.
2. It relieves the instructor of the responsibility of juggling the boy's job in order to get him a fair week's pay.
3. It permits the school to do any and all kinds of work.
4. It avoids the tendency of piece work to lower the standard of workmanship.
5. It tends to keep the boy contented and on the job.

New Equipment in the Machine Class

In the early part of 1922, the American Optical Company agreed to replace some of the machinery with which the school has made its start, with more modern and up-to-date machine tools. The present equipment is designed to take care of a class of 20 boys and is located conveniently near the Company's main machine shop.

The equipment consists of the following: 1 12-in. Hendey lathe (with taper attached,) 1 12-in. Rockford lathe, 2 12-in. Blaisdell lathes, 1 16-in. Hendey lathe, 1 Waltham Bench lathe, 1 Norton Universal Grinder, 1 Centering Machine, 1 Universal Tool Grinder, 1 Greenerd Arbor Press, 1 Rockford Universal Milling Machine, 1 Becker No. 3 Horizontal Milling Machine, 1 B. & S. No. 1 Horizontal Milling Machine, 1 Waterbury Profiling Machine, 1 Sensitive Drill, 1 2-Spindle Drill, 1 4-Spindle Drill, 1 16-in. Smith & Mills Crank Shaper, 1 6 min. 0 Blaisdell Planer, and the necessary small tools and equipment for operating the above machines.

What the Machine Class Has Demonstrated

With an experience of three years in running the Machine course, the following facts have been clearly demonstrated:

1. That the segregation of boys in a separate department under an instructor rather than scattering the boys in a factory under different foremen, is a much better proposition for efficient trade training.
2. That there is no value in the use of poor machinery for giving boys instruction either in learning to run the different machines or in turning out good work.
3. That if the school is properly managed and frequent conferences held with the heads of the departments immediately concerned that efficient work can be turned out by the school and the good will of all concerned assured.
4. That the product of the school is satisfactory is evidenced by the fact that six boys have been placed in the main machine shop on full time and are doing good work.
5. That if the boys are to be properly trained on all lines of work it is impossible for them to compete, and it is not intended that they should, in regard to prices, with the regular production departments of the factory.
6. That the related work of the school plays a large part in the training of the boy.

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7. That the boys who have completed their training in the school are satisfied and apparently contented to remain with the Company.
 8. That more and more of the Company's employees are sending their boys to the school, thus proving that the school has its place within the plant as well as within the Community.

COURSE IN WORSTED YARN MANUFACTURE

No radical changes have been made in the textile course during the past year. An effort has been made to improve the character of the instruction.

Seven boys have been graduated upon satisfactory completion of their six months tryout on full time at the Hamilton Woolen Company. Four of these boys have obtained steady employment at the Hamilton Woolen Company, and are making favorable progress. One boy is continuing in school to prepare for entrance to Lowell Textile School.

Two more boys are entering upon the six months mill tryout and will be eligible for graduation about July 1, 1923.

There is no question as to the advantages of a boy taking this course provided he is seriously enough inclined toward assimilating the different processes in the mill, and there is also no question regarding the scarcity of boys in the Textile industry who possess this training the result that there is a large field in the industry for their absorption.

Quoting a recent report from the Mill regarding the boys taking this course: "The reports which we get from the Mill recently on the Vocational boys are encouraging and although they are fewer in number, we think that they are more serious in purpose."

COURSE IN ELECTRICAL WORK

The Electrical Department of the school graduated two boys during the past year both of these boys having served their apprenticeship with the American Optical Company.

We have placed three new boys during the year with the American Optical Company, and at the present time have good openings for two more.

EVENING INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

The evening trade extension classes which are run under the direction of the Vocational school have had a good year.

The class in Machine Drafting under Mr. William A. Gunning is composed of a number of well trained mechanics who are doing good work on some original machine design. There is a regular attendance of eleven men in this class.

Evening textile courses continue to be in demand. The course in Loomfixing conducted in the school laboratory at the plant of the Hamilton Woolen Company, has a total enrollment of eleven men.

The second year Class in Worsted Yarn Manufacture has seven men in regular attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FORBES, Director.

Mr. F. E. Corbin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my third annual report of the Southbridge Continuation School.

The Continuation School has come safely through a period in which it has faced unusually trying circumstances. The general industrial depression caused a decrease in the membership of the school last year but the reaction which follows unsettled industrial conditions has had a gratifying tendency toward a more stable state of affairs. Normal conditions will be slow in returning but we go forward into a new year with a spirit of optimism realizing that in the future we shall be aided rather than impeded by conditions in the industrial world.

This year's enrollment which represents nearly a hundred per cent increase over that of 1921-1922 shows that the 14-16 year old group is again finding employment

If attendance is an indication of success, the school with an attendance of 96% has been most successful. When we realize that compulsory education for the 14-16 year old employed minors is a new step in educational legislation, this high rate of attendance shows the excellent co-operation extended the school by employers and parents.

A higher degree of efficiency in all the work is being maintained.

In the Girls' Department a course in home nursing has been provided for. This work which was begun by Miss Marguerite C. Houle, our school nurse, proved so popular that it was extended to those not of the Continuation School, who sought admission.

This work which at first was optional was later made compulsory. This work which includes first aid, home-nursing, care of children, etc., is given to enable the girls to be of greater service in the home in assisting parents, to create interest in home duties and to fit themselves to give intelligent service in cases of emergency.

With regret, we were forced to dispense with the services of Miss Houle, who had made a remarkable beginning and secured the services of Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, R. N., who comes to us with successful experience.

The Domestic Science course including cooking, sewing and millinery is still under the supervision of Miss Jean Russell who has accomplished very creditable results. The main aim in teaching this course is to develop in the girls independent abilities that maybe put into practice in their own every day life.

Owing to the resignation of Miss Grace Marshall, the Commercial class is conducted by Miss Mabel Jones whose work is very commendable. Many girls registered in the course have already been advanced to a higher grade of employment or have received an increase in salary on the original job.

The academic work for the girls' division continues under the expert leadership of Miss Mary Meagher. This work is closely related to the courses mentioned in the previous paragraphs. Topics like food value, cost of menus, budget making, sanitation and value of materials gives an idea of the broad scope of this work.

The wood working classes for the boys, temporarily held at the cabinet shop of Dani and Soldani are under the direction of Mr. Frank Winston who comes to us well recommended by the Division of Vocational Education. Many thanks are due to Mr. John Soldani who conducted these classes until such a time that we could secure a man certificated by the State. A full time instructor has made possible the organization of smaller groups, thus affording opportunity for greater individual attention.

As suggested by the State, emphasis is placed on group projects, although the individual project still has its place. The introduction of quantitative production to a limited extent results in the making of tables, costumers, umbrella racks, etc., for other branches of the school department.

The academic work is closely related to the work of the projects. The boys learn how to figure and estimate cost, to order materials, and to make out stock bills.

Work in citizenship for the boys and girls emphasize their civic obligations to the community and their rela-

tionship to their employers; the hygiene is taught from the practical and personal standpoint including discussions, as daily habit so conducive to health.

The academic work has been made vital by its relation to the work and life of the pupils as revealed in the follow-up work. This follow-up work is still an important function of the school requirements for it brings the school, the home, and the employer in closer contact, with the result that each child is considered in relation to his individual needs. This past year, fourteen students were encouraged to continue their studies in the regular school and nine to take one of the State University Extension Courses.

Since Mr. Soldani is accommodating these classes, many times at an inconvenience, until our quarters in the new school are available, I would recommend that the shop room for the Continuation School in the new building be given immediate consideration and that adequate shop facilities be installed.

I wish to thank you, on behalf of the teachers as well as myself for the interest you have shown in this work. The splendid co-operation of the employers and parents has been a source of great satisfaction to us also and we heartily thank them.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. VANTURA, Director.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Superintendent of Schools.

It gives me pleasure to submit my sixth annual report of the Evening High School.

There were 173 pupils enrolled, 43 men and 130 women. 34 of this number, however, were 7th, 8th, or 9th grade students.

As in former years, each student indicated on his registration card the subjects he wished to pursue; and classes were formed for five or more registering for a study.

The courses called for, with the number enrolled for each, follow: Commercial Department: Typewriting 56, shorthand 32, bookkeeping 22, business English 12. Modern Languages: French 14, Spanish 9. Domestic Science: Sewing 23, cooking 24. Mathematics: Arithmetic 26, algebra 6, plane geometry 5; also 7 for chemistry and 38 for elementary English.

So many more applicants signed for sewing, cooking, typewriting and bookkeeping than could be accommodated, with our present equipment, that a waiting list was kept for those branches and notifications sent as vacancies occurred.

The Gregg system of shorthand was introduced this year in the beginners' division and it proved ideal for evening school classes, being simple and easily acquired.

The typewriting classes were graded first for beginners; 2nd for those who had some proficiency, and 3rd for an advanced group who wished to continue their practice, many working for speed. Two of the latter, Ora Chamberlain and Miriam Davis received thirty word certificates for speed and accuracy on the Underwood.

The course in cooking comprised the study of foods and beverages; the cooking of cereals, eggs, muffins and popovers, soups, salads and salad dressings, batters and doughs, marmalade, pastry and other desserts. Discussions on the planning and serving of meals preceded a breakfast for six, cooked and served by the class; a lunch-

eon for six also cooked and served by the girls; and a buffet luncheon to which guests were invited.

The work completed in the sewing class consisted of 10 dress aprons, 5 aprons, 3 camisoles, 3 petticoats, 11 bloomers, 1 woolen knickers, 2 pajamas, 2 slips, 5 night gowns, 6 serge skirts, 1 serge middy, 1 satin blouse, 10 woolen dresses, 2 cotton dresses, 1 velvet dress, 1 child's woolen dress, 1 child's cotton dress, 1 baby's coat, 1 slit pocket in ready-made dress. One of the pupils in this class has continued the sewing course for three years, and several for two years.

The students and teachers of the Evening High School regret that the course is so short, being only 37 nights. If a term of 30 weeks, 3 nights a week, could be arranged with credits and certificates for a year's satisfactory work and graduation, with diplomas, on completion of a four years' course, those ambitious pupils who are working for greater efficiency in their present line of work or who desire to study for a profession, would surely welcome such an extension.

In closing I wish to thank the School Committee, Superintendent, fellow teachers and student body for their co-operation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. MEAGHER.

January 6, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Corbin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Sir:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1922. I have visited the following schools: Mechanic Street, Sandersdale, Lebanon, Elm Street, Main Street, Notre Dame, Engine House and River Street. All schools have been visited at least three times during the year except Lebanon, which was opened in September.

I have made 1463 examinations during the year. —

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. TETRAULT.

Southbridge, Mass.,
January 6, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Corbin,

Superintendent of Schools.

I hereby submit my report of the physical examinations of school children for the year 1922.

The number of pupils examined	1209
Cases of decayed teeth	642
Number of decayed teeth	2467
Cases of enlarged glands	9
Cases of eye disease	22
Cases of enlarged tonsils	298
Cases of nasal catarrh	2
Cases of defective hearing	1
Cases of incurable defects	3
Cases of mental deficiency	1
Cases of poor nutrition	283
Cases of irregular heart	1
Cases taken suddenly ill	4
Cases of impetigo	10

Work Done Outside School

Number of work cards signed	33
Number of school certificates	105

All the children which I have examined were weighed and measured under my supervision by the school nurse, Miss Houle.

All the parents were notified when defects were found.

I take this opportunity to thank the teachers and school nurse for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. Simpson, M. D., School Physician.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools:

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse for the year 1922. General sanitary inspections were made of all class rooms, as often as possible, and one school building was visited daily.

Number of visits to Marcy Street	67
Number of visits to Main Street	40
Number of visits to Engine House	21
Number of visits to School Street	38
Number of visits to High School	34
Number of visits to Elm Street	18
Number of visits to River Street	21
Number of visits to Mechanic Street	31
Number of visits to Sandersdale	7
Number of visits to Dennison District	12
Number of visits to Lebanon Hill	4
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Total	293

With the exception of those attending High School the children were weighed and measured. Individual instruction was given to those who were five pounds or more underweight.

Number weighed and measured	1326
Number underweight	346

The children in several class rooms are provided with a mid-morning milk lunch. Considering the recognized food value of milk, we hope to have it served in all class rooms next year. Twenty cents per child covers the cost for a week.

Number of classrooms serving milk lunch	11
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Number of half-pint bottles served in one month:
School Street 435, Main Street 323, River Street 110.

All pupils, except those in the Junior High were examined and instructed concerning the care of the hair.

Number of pupils examined	1049
Number of pupils who needed treatment	164
Number of pupils excluded for pediculosis	9

Short health talks were given in the class rooms. Whenever possible, class room subjects are co-related with health work, especially in music and drawing. The children sing health songs and take great pride in making health posters.

Visits to the homes were made to urge correction of physical defects, to see that pupils ill were receiving proper treatment, give instruction when necessary on proper diet, treatment for skin affections, to demonstrate minor dressings, and to explain to parents recommendations and suggestions of school physicians.

Number of pupils visited with skin disease	25
Number visited for correction of defects	149
Number of pupils ill, visited with attend. officer	45

Last June with the co-operation of the Blanchard brothers, we were able to have some very interesting stereopticon views on health subjects, in the Plaza theatre. Mrs. Anna Hartnett, the assistant health officer in this district gave a brief explanation of each view.

On account of the limited space the pupils of the upper grades at Marcy Street School were the only ones invited to attend.

Number of pupils who attended	291
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While assisting the school physician with the physical examinations, it was found that in many instances the teeth were in a decayed and unhealthy condition. To help relieve this condition, tooth brushes were sold to pupils desiring them for the small sum of five cents.

Number of tooth brushes sold	288
Number of pupils examined with physician	1081

During the months of March, April and May lectures and demonstrations in Mothercraft were given to the Continuation School girls.

The classes were held once a week from nine to ten A. M. in the High Schools rest room.

Number of lectures and demonstrations	9
Average attendance	4.4

An emergency kit has been placed in each school building. Kit consists of 2 bandages, 1 ounce bottle io-

dine, 1 ounce bottle creolin, 1 ounce package absorbent cotton and 1-inch roll adhesive plaster.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE HOULE, R. N.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools:

In accordance with the annual custom the attendance officer presents the following report for year 1922

1. Registration of Minors

Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7	542
Persons 7 years of age or over, and under 14	2073
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16	519
Illiterate minors 16 years of age or over, under 21	87

2. Investigation of Absences

Number of cases investigated for grades in public and private schools	1714
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Absences caused by illness of children, illness in the child's family, legitimate excuses, lack of necessary clothing, truancy, and indifference to school laws.

Cases reported to attendance officer not found	4
Children found at home not registered at school of school age	10
Children found on streets not registered at school of school age	3
Children found absent from school reported to other towns	2
Cases reported to Public Health Nurse and visited with nurse	45
Cases reported to visiting nurse	1
Cases of misconduct on streets and in stores	48
Children found working unlawfully	3
Visits to shops, factories, stores, to investigate employment of minors	3
Cases investigated for Continuation School	8
Total number of cases investigated	1841
Number of visits to schools (public and private)	300

Number of disease notifications received from the Board of Health, referred to principals of schools	24
Number of cases referred to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	0
Number of families assisted by gifts, clothing, etc	10
Number of children between ages 14 to 16 for whom employment was found	3
3. Court Cases	
Number of children taken in court (Sent to Oakdale Truancy School)	2
4. Pupils Withdrawing From School	
Number of pupils moved from Southbridge during school sessions	24
Number of pupils transferred from private schools to public schools in town during school sessions	29
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to private schools in town during school sessions	7
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to public schools during school sessions	9
5. Employment Certificates Issued	
Educational, 16-21, literate	356
Educational, 16-21, illiterate	26
Educational temporary	3
Employment between 14-16	194
Home permits	25
Special	5
Total number of certificates issued	609

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET G. BUTLER.

Perfect Attendance Record 1921-1922

Name	School	Grade	Age	Yrs
Joseph Bill	Marcy	VIII	15	1
William Dennison	Marcy	VIII	13	1
Agnes Buchetti	Marcy	VIII	14	1
George Andrews	Marcy	VIIE	12	1
Anthony Sulkowski	Marcy	VIIE	12	1
Aime Lataille	Marcy	VIIW	12	1
Kenneth Sutherland	Marcy	VIIW	11	1
Lauretta Desautels	Marcy	VIIW	14	1
Leona Blair	Marcy	VIIW	11	1
Warren Wilson	Marcy	VIE	11	1
Robert Laverse	Marcy	VW	10	1
Angeline Persico	Marcy	VE	10	1
Flora Tait	Marcy	VE	10	2
Viola Robidoux	Marcy	VE	10	1
Radislor Saletnik	Eng. House	V	12	1
Toefil Damian	Eng. Hcuse	VI	14	1
Jeannette Collette	Eng. House	VI	13	1
Irene Abrahamson	Mechanic	IV	8	1
Katie Sulkowski	Mechanic	IV	9	1
Joseph Wadowski	Mechanic	IV	10	1
Oswald Lavallee	Mechanic	IV	11	1
Stefania Kozyra	School	IV	9	2
Julia Saletnik	School	IV	10	2
Felice Colognesci	Mechanic	III	7	1
Edward Champagne	Mechanic	III	9	1
Howard Blackburn	School	III	8	1
Ernest Firth	School	III	8	1
Edna Krysiak	River	III	9	1
Stella Kopec	River	III	9	1
Miesyslaw Liro	River	III	9	1
Nellie Misiazek	River	III	8	1
Lester Lemley	Main	IIIE		1
Thomas Kitos	Mechanic	II	13	1
Michael Themistocles	Mechanic	II	9	1

Name	School	Grade	Age	Yrs
Muriel Lawton	School	II	7	1
Anita Sumilas	River	II	6	1
Edna Abrahamson	Mechanic	I	7	1
Nellie Sulkowski	Mechanic	I	7	1
Ida Tucci	Mechanic	I	6	1
Wilfred Dufault	River	I	6	1
Joseph Krysiak	River	I	6	1
Leon Kopec	River	I	7	1

Evening Schools

Yvonne Boucher		High
Eva Brodeur		High
Armand Champagne		High
Elizabeth Hughes		High
Adeline Paolette		High
Alice Surprenant		High
Newell Walker		High
Alice Walsh		High
Eva Masse	Mechanic	Street
Peter Costa	Mechanic	Street
George Vasil	Mechanic	Street
Spiro George	Mechanic	Street
Stergio Vangel	Mechanic	Street
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